# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MILWAUKEE	2/27/63	11/29/62 - 2/14/63				
JOSEPH SEIFERT, aka.; SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO, aka.		SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON ef				

#### REFERENCES

Newark letter to Milwaukee, 12/13/62 (IO); Little Rock letters to Milwaukee, 12/11/62 and 12/26/62 (IO); New York letter to Milwaukee, 1/23/63 (IO); Los Angeles letter to Milwaukee, 1/29/63 (IO); Chicago airtel to Springfield, 2/12/63 (IO); Detroit letter to Milwaukee, 2/15/63 (IO). Report of SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, Milwaukee, 12/14/62.

#### ENCLOSURES

ENCLOSURES FOR THE BUREAU (2)

2 copies of informant characterization memorandum

ENCLOSURES FOR CHICAGO AND DETROIT: (1 each)

1 copy each of informant characterization memorandum

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#### LEADS

# THE CHICAGO AND DETROIT DIVISIONS

Information copies are furnished because of information herein relating to activities in those divisions.

#### INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is \_\_\_\_\_ - PCI, who was contacted on 12/17/62, by \_\_\_\_\_ b7C \_\_\_\_\_ b7D MI T-2 is \_\_\_\_\_ who was contacted on 2/14/63, by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and RICHARD C. THOMPSON.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigation of state eigarette tax stamp violations in which Subject SEIFERT is believed to be involved is carried in a substantive case entitled, "LEE ROY PANNELL, aka.; ET AL; ITSP - CONSPIRACY," OO Dallas, Dallas File 87-10609, Milwaukee File 87-5827.

Chicago has been requested to discontinue investigation to locate VERMIGLIO since VERMIGLIO no longer appears to be connected with Subject SEIFERT and since INS is conducting continuous OCD investigation to locate him.

Los Angeles has been advised of specific details showing the connection between and Subject VERMIGLIO, so that the Chief of Police at whittier may be advised if deemed desirable by Los Angeles.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

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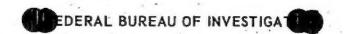
In early January, 1963, Texas Rangers seized load of

DETAYLS:

#### COUNTERFEITING OF STATE CIGARETTE STAMPS

# At Denver, Colorado

Under date of January 8, 1963, the Denve	er Office
advised that on the previous day Texas	Ranger b6
appeared personally at the Deny	per Office and b7C
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On December 14, 1962, Sheriff WILLIAM BERRYMAN (NA)	Md and and and
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LA 92-772 WWH:m.jg At Los Angeles, California on January 11, 1963 made available to SA records of for the Treasure Equipment Corp. This business was incorporated on April 29, 1959 to engage in the business of buying and selling of restaurant and bar equipment and fixtures. This company was authorized to sell 100 shares to the West Coast Fixture Co., Inc. and or either at \$10.00 per share. The California Insurance Commission determined that and has been actively engaged in the restaurant and bar fixture equipment and supply business for the past 30 years. has been engaged in this type of business for the last 11 years, the last 7 with the West Coast Fixtures Co. of Santa Monica. Los Angeles, has been engaged in this type of business for the past 30 There was no derogatory information in the file concerning any of the above individuals. The files of this Commission were also reviewed for the West Coast Fixture Co., Inc., 626 Broadway, Santa Monica, California and this is the same type of business as the Treasure Equipment Co. The principals in this company are and an attorney. July 14, 1952. This file reveals that as of 1952, had resided in los Angeles for 2 years and had engaged in the restaurant and bar fixture equipment and

It will be recalled that the Treasure Equipment Corporation was contacted on several occasions through the phone of WALTER BROCCA, Milwaukee, a hoodlum who has allegedly been in contact with VERMIGLIO since the latter returned to this country.

supply business for the past 25 years in White Plains.

New York.

MI 92-107 At Chicago, Illinois By communication dated February 12, 1963, Chicago advised that no information had been developed concerning the present address of ANTHONY GALIARDO, who is employed by Checker Express, 2033 South Morgan, Chicago, Illinois. At Milwaukee, Wisconsin A review of INS reports pertaining to the continuous OCD investigation to apprehend Subject VERNIGLIO disclosed the following additional information: The phone number DI b6 per ICE (Chicago) was called from the b7C per ICE telephone of Toronto, Canada, in October, 1961, while VERMIGLIO was suspected of residing there. It was determined that this number is listed to Chicago, Illinois, but is the actual residence of who lives there with his wife and eight-year-old child. Investigation in that neighborhood failed to lead to the apprehension of VERMIGLIO. b6 per ICE b7C per ICE b7E per ICE b6 per ICE formerly known as b7C per ICE who lives at Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed on December 4, 1962. She talked freely about Subject VERMIGLIO, saying she met him in 1955 or 1956 while she was a waitress. After that she lived with him as his wife in Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Italy and Canada. She made three trips to visit the Subject while he was in Italy and had two passports for this purpose. On each

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occasion she stayed several months. One passport showed she arrived at Rome on February 27, 1960, and was readmitted at Detroit on November 14, 1960. While in Italy she lived with Subject VERMIGLIO at Balestrate. In December, 1961, she joined Subject VERMIGLIO in Toronto and stayed with b6 per ICE She returned to Detroitb7C per ICE him at the apartment of in January, 1962, at which time she had definite plans to marry her present spouse. She did not see VERMIGLIO again until May, 1962, shortly before her marriage. He tried to talk her out of it. He also wanted her to obtain a car for him. Since that time she has not seen VERMIGLIO, but had a phone call from him in early November, 1962. He wanted her to buy him a new car at that time, but she refused. On November 7, 1962, DAVID PARKER, Director, Cigarette and Miscellaneous Taxes, State of Michigan, stated that Subject VERMIGLIO was suspected of bootlegging cigarettes into Michigan (tax violation). b6 per ICE On December 10, 1962, who is in charge of b7C per ICE the collection of state cigarette taxes in the State of b7E per ICE Ohio, advised that Subject VERMIGLIO was suspected of bootlegging cigarettes. He said that on December 12, 1962, told him that VERMIGLIO was seen in the Acoucou Room in Toledo on November 30, 1962. VERMIGLIO b6 per ICE was known there to b7C per ICE also said on December 12, 1962, that had been identified as a patron of the Acoucou Room. was suspected of driving a truck also informed that of bootleg cigarettes from some Southern state to Toledo, This load was subsequently driven to Detroit by a who was apprehended and tried for the man named offense in December, 1962. mentioned several times above, while in custody be per ICE b7C per ICE in Toronto, had in his possession several names and telephone numbers. One of these, DI was the phone Chicago.

On December 17, 1962, MI T-1 advised that he had had no further contact with Subject SEIFERT and had learned nothing new concerning either Subject.

On February 14, 1963, MI T-2 stated that in 1958 he met Subject VERMIGLIO at the Cricket Bar in downtown Milwaukee. The Cricket was then run by AUGUST MANIACI. MI T-2 thereafter saw VERMIGLIO MI 92-107

several other times in 1958, but never learned much of anything about him. MI T-2 was reluctant to discuss VERMIGLIO and claimed that he did not know the nature of his business or his purpose for being in Milwaukee.

Captain Special Assignment Squad, Hilwaukee Police Bepartment, has been contacted regularly and periodically in this and other matters during the past sixty days, but he has not been able to furnish any additional information concerning the activities of the Subjects.

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JOSEPH SEIFERT, aka		CHABACTER OF CA	ASE		
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Report of SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, at Milwaukee, 7/14/65; Denver airtel to Bureau, 7/13/65; Houston letter to Milwaukee, 8/26/65; Denver letters to Milwaukee, 8/28/65 and 9/14/65.

LEADS

#### THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

## At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will interview JOSEPH PFEIFFER, 5041 North 70 Street, who now owns the Beaver Damomat, 324 South Spring, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, concerning his connection with the trial of MAIR SCHEPPS of Houston in the spring of 1965.

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2. Upon results of the above and lead now outstanding in Kansas City, will consider whether this case should be closed or whether it warrants further investigation.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

The extended period of this report is due in part due the fact that leads were covered by auxiliary offices and not received prior to the submission of the last report; in the meantime leads have been handled inter-office by letter and airtel.

b7C per IRS On September 23, 1965, Chief, Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Milwaukee, advised Special Agent RICHARD C. THOMPSON that his agency had been requested by Internal Revenue Service in Houston, Texas to interview subject and JOSEPH PFEIFFER in 1963. PFEIFFER was interviewed in July of that year. He gave his address as 5041 North 70 Street and said he was in the business of distributing laundry and dry cleaning equipment and was selfemployed. was asked about his contact with the House of Tobacco which is run by MAIR SCHEPPS in Houston, Texas and about his connection with the subject. He was abled whether the subject ever gave him money to buy elgarettes or whether the subject directed him to contacts where said that such eigarettes might be bought. PFEIFFER claims that he did buy cigarettes on several occasions from someone in St. Louis, Missouri, to whom he had been referred by the subject. This was a number of years ago. He also said that SEIFERT gave him money to buy cigarettes. He said that on one occasion this amounted to \$1700 or \$1800 and that the cigarettes he then purchased where to be taken to the House of Tobacco in Houston. In general PFEIFFER's statements tended to be vague and inresponsive according to

stated that in December of 1964, his b7c per IRS office received a request from Internal Revenue Service, Houston, to serve a subpoena on the subject and JOSEPH PFEIFFER. He said, however, that his office had nothing to do with the serving of the subpoena for the trial in Houston in the spring of 1965.

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in 1963 (the time PFEIFFER was interviewed) and Office asked Internal Revenue Service in Houston whether a summons should be issued to force subject to appear. said that Internal Revenue Service in Houston apparently did not regard this step as essential and no further action was taken.

Said that the interview of PFEIFFER was based on papers sent to Milwaukee by Internal Revenue Service, Houston, which papers had to be returned to Houston, at the conclusion of the interview. For this reason, he said, he did not have available the papers on which questions directed to PFEIFFER were based in 1963.

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Synopsis: REFERENCE:

Report of SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, 3/30/62, at Milwaukee.

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### ENCLOSURES:

#### TO MILWAUKEE:

One photograph of SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL.

### TO NEW YORK CITY:

One photograph of SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL.

Approved	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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#### LEADS:

One copy of instant report is being designated for Cleveland, Detroit, and New York City Offices, inasmuch as investigation is outstanding in these divisions. It is contemplated at a later date, that the New York City Office will be requested to interview SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL.

## MILWAUKEE OFFICE

### AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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Will advise the New York City Office whenever it can appropriately interview SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL, 150 East 69th Street, New York City, regarding his possible use of counterfeit cigarette - stamp machine, and unreported shipments of cigarettes from Ohio to other states, particularly to Michigan.

When considered appropriate, will interview subject JOSEPH SEIFERT regarding the possible use by SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL, formerly owner of the Sharwell Tobacco Company, Columbus, Ohio, of a counterfeit cigarette stamp machine, which may have been furnished by SEIFERT.

Will also interview SEIFERT regarding any knowledge he has of unreported interstate shipments of cigarettes by SHARWELL.

## CINCINNATI DIVISION

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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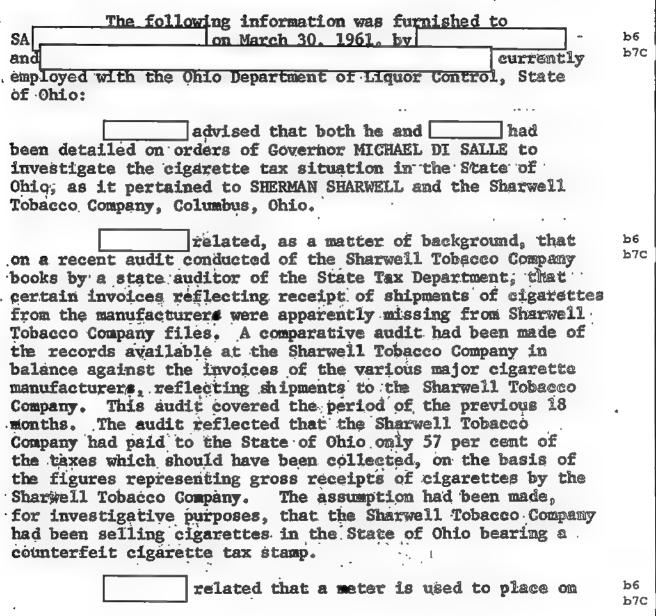
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SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL operated the Sharwell Tobacco Company; Columbus, Ohio, from approximately 1950 to 5/11/61. Fire of undetermined origin on 12/20/60. destroyed estimated 80% of merchandise of this company. Investigation by State of Ohio resulted in assessment. against SHARWELL of \$941,754., plus penalty, and second assessment of \$644,557. for unpaid Ohio eigarette tax. Criminal affidavit filed 1/62, by State of Ohio. against SHARWELL for filing fraudulent cigarette tax returns. Ohio authorities have evidence of counterfeit Ohio stamp on cigarettes sold by SHARWELL. SHARWELL reportedly "bootlegged" cigarettes from Ohio into Michigan. Internal Revenue Service filed corporate tax liem of \$385,216. against SHARWELL at Columbus, Ohio. SHARWELL known as heavy gambler while residing at Columbus, Ohio. SHARWELL currently resides at 150 East 69th Street, New York City. SHARWELL has no known arrest record except for traffic offenses, and for above charge of filing fraudulent tax return.

#### DETAILS:



the bottom of each package of cigarettes, a stamp reflecting the payment of a tax of \$.05 due the State of Ohio for each package of cigarettes sold in Ohio. This meter is manufactured be by the Pitney-Bowes Company, Stanford, Comnecticut.

b7c advised, in confidence, that the Pitney-Bowes Company deliberately mills into each stamp it manufactures, a distinctive imperfection, in order that if the question of counterfeit stamps arises, any stamps manufactured by the Pitney-Bowes Company can be identified through the imperfection.

When the question of counterfeit stamps arose in connection with the Sharwell Tobacco Company operations in Ohio, a number of cartons of cigarettes traced through commercial circles to the Sharwell Company were taken to the Pitney-Bowes Company laboratory at Stanford, Connecticut, and were examined. A report was received from the Pitney-Bowes Company that the packages of cigarettes in question bore counterfeit stamps. stated that the actual meter formerly used by the Sharwell Tobacco Company had recently been destroyed in a fire at the Sharwell Tobacco Company. The laboratory examination at Pitney-Bowes Company was made by using a known specimen, the file copy of the impressions made by the Sharwell Company stamps at the time same were manufactured for Sharwell Tobacco Company by the Pitney-Bowes Company. When the company laboratory technician concluded that a counterfeit stamp had been used, Pitney-Bowes Company contacted authorities of the State of Ohio, who relayed the information regarding the conclusion of the technician to Governor DI SALLE. Governor DI SALLE then ordered the Department of Liquor Control to investigate the counterfeit stamp angle.

On March 21, 1961, and had taken to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., 6,700 packages of

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intends to fight the assessment by the State Tax Commissioner of Ohio of over one million dollard, penalty included, which has been levied against him for unpaid cigarette tax.    stated that he understands that it is possible that SHARWELL will interpose as a defense to the Ohio charge of counterfeiting tax stamps, and an admission that he has been "bootlegging" cigarettes from the State of Ohio into the State of Michigan.   explained that the State of Michigan, and a few other states, do not require the placement on each package of cigarettes of any indication whatsoever that the cigarette tax of that state has been paid. Michigan and other such states rely upon either payment at the source of manufacture of the state cigarette tax, or upon the reports of the manufacturers as to how many	b6 b7С
packages of cigarettes each has shipped into such states.	_
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with SHARWELL's name written thereon. These individuals would not admit any connection with SHERMAN SHARWELL. The origin of the untaxed cigarettes they had in their possession was not determined with legally sufficient evidence available for use in the matter. However, it was considered quite probable, by that the arrested individuals had obtained their cigarettes from the Sharwell Tobacco Company.	ь6 ь7с
further advised that he had received information to the effect that one a Canton, Ohio, hoodlum, has made a remark to the effect that he has a source in Cleveland, Ohio, where counterfeit cigarette tax stamp impressions can be placed on packages of cigarettes.	ъ6 ъ7С
The Detroit Office advised on July 20, 1961, that a newspaper clipping from the "Detroit News" five star final edition dated November 15, 1957, with the date line of Monroe, Michigan, November 15, 1957, advises that and were bound over to the circuit court for trial after examination, charged with possessing untaxed cigarettes. They were arrested two weeks previously when, officers said, they were delivering a quantity of cigarettes on which the Michigan tax of \$.05 a package had not been paid:	ь6 b7С
The Detroit Office further advised that reportedly claimed that he had purchased a couple of cases of cigarettes from a warehouse on the east side of Toledo, Ohio, where they were cheaper, and had brought them into Michigan to sell. A newspaper clipping from the "Detroit Free Press" dated April 17, 1958, advises that of Monroe, Michigan, was sentenced to 30 days in jail by the circuit court for selling cigarettes without a license. He was convicted of this charge on April 4, 1958. No mention	b6 b7С

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was made of in this particular newspaper article.	b6 b70
The Detroit Office further advised that selling untaxed cigarettes in the State of Michigan is a felony in that state, and such offenses are vigorously prosecuted by the state.	
Ohio Department of Liquor Control, Columbus, Ohio, furnished the following additional information to SA on April 14, 1961:	b6 b70
SHARWELL is well aware of FBI jurisdiction in cases involving unreported interstate shipment of cigarettes. He bases his understanding on information received from a Pitney-Bowes Company employee to the effect that SHARWELL had advised him that he, SHARWELL, was not counterfeiting State of Ohio cigarette tax stamps. SHARWELL claimed that, instead, he was "bootlegging" cigarettes on which no state tax had been paid from the State of Ohio into the State of Michigam. SHARWELL allegedly stated to the Pitney-Bowes employee that offering the defense of "bootlegging" to any state charge brought against him in connection with this matter would be confessing to what was in his eyes, a lesser offense.	b6 b7С
further advised at this time that the State of Ohio case regarding counterfeiting of the state tax stamp had been strengthened by an FBI Laboratory report, which is dated April 6, 1961, and bears laboratory numbers D362538BF, and D363408BF. The FBI Laboratory report confirms that there was counterfeiting occurring in this matter with respect to stamps placed on packages of cigarettes submitted to the laboratory bearing tax stamp number 29576. This number was assigned to the Sharwell Tobacco Company.	ь6 ь70

aka. a hoodlum who resides in Canton, Ohio, that he had received more specific information that this individual had been convicted of a Dyer Act violation, and had been sentenced to a Federal Penitentiary, and had served his term and had been released.			
advised that a cigarette dealer in Canton, Ohio, had stated that he had received a telephone call from an individual (Full Name Unknown) of Silverman, Ohio, whereby advised him that had some cigarettes that he would like to get rid of. indicated that these cigarettes were "hot." did not know the date involved, but believed that this telephone conversation had taken place "fairly recently." He estimated that this involved something that had happened within the past year. The cigarette dealer in Canton, Ohio, told that he did not want any such cigarettes.	b6 b7c		
continued that later dropped in to see the cigarette dealer in Canton, Ohio, and the cigarette dealer had told about the call he had received from told the cigarette dealer that he should have taken the cigarettes. He told the cigarette dealer that there was a small, closely-knit group of about 12 people who had a cigarette tax stamp meter available, and who could stamp up packages of cigarettes with the State of Ohio tax stamp and sell them.  also stated that there was an "organization" in Cleveland, which would make counterfeit stamps. This organization has an engraver available who makes the counterfeit stamp dyes."	ъ6 ъ7С		
stated that he had attempted to verify. such operations in Cleveland by having an informant contacted in Cleveland. This informant has in the past, freely given	b6 b7С		

information to the Department of Liquor Control representative			
in Cleveland. However, when this matter was broached, the			
informant "froze," claiming he did not know anything about			
it, and would not discuss it. advised that he believed that SHARWELL had "Cleveland connections." He	b6		
believed that SHARWELL had "Cleveland connections." He			
stated SHARWELL is married to The father of			
at one time			
Cleveland, Ohio.			
The following information was furnished by	b6 b7C		
mentioned above, on June 21, 1961, to SA			

He advised that an additional audit had been made in this case. He stated a "customer audit" leaves unaccounted for millions of cigarettes purchased from manufacturers by SHARWELL. He advised that the "customer audit" was made by going around to various customers of the Sharwell Tobacco Company, and determining from these customers the amount of cigarettes purchased by the customers from the Sharwell Tobacco Company during the audit period. This "customer audit" also showed a discrepancy between the number of cigarettes actually sold by SHARWELL, and the number of cigarettes on which the Sharwell Tobacco Company paid a cigarette tax.

Previously, an audit of the amount of cigarettes purchased by SHARWELL from various manufacturers, and a compilation and total of all of the cigarettes legitimately sold by SHARWELL in the State of Ohio was made. This audit revealed that SHARWELL had paid a tax on anfar less number of cigarettes than he had purchased from the manufacture be ers.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

at Columbus, Ohio:

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A review was made on April 11, 1962, of the newspaper morgue of the Columbus Dispatch for pertinent information in this case.

In the March 23, 1961, issue of the Columbus Dispatch, it is reported that STANLEY J. BOWERS, Ohio State Tax Commissioner, had filed an assessment of \$941,754. plus a penalty of \$141,263. against the Sharwell Tobacca Company. It was stated that an investigation had been under way for a period of six months to determine what disposal SHARWELL had made of 19 million packages of eigerettes he handled as a distributor without the State of Ohio receiving the \$.05 per pack tax. BOWERS' office had checked the manufacturers records of shipments to SHARWELL against the taxes paid by him: SHARWELL was quoted in this article as stating that no cigarette stamps were counterfeited by him, and that he did not owe the State of Ohio any money.

In an article of this newspaper on April 20, 1961, it revealed that SHARWELL had filed an appeal to the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals regarding the above assessment.

The issue of May 11, 1961, of this newspaper revealed that SHARWELL had filed a one million dollar dammage suit against STANLEY J. BOWERS, Ohio State Tax Commissioner, for damages incurred in connection with the above assessment.

The issue of May 24, 1961, of this newspaper revealed that SHARWELL's attorneys, R. BROOKE ALLOWAY and ISADORE TOPPER, had obtained a temporary injunction against STANLEY J. BOWERS and the Attorney General of Ohio, which kept them from serving or enforcing a subpoena against SHARWELL. The attorneys claimed that the subpoena was a

punitive measure intended to humiliate SHARWELL.

In the issue of June 25, 1961, of this newspaper, it is stated that the State Tax Commissioner and the Attorney General of Ohio were subpoenacing 350 witnesses for hearing on the "million dollar" tax appeal case involving SHARWELL.

In the issue of August 19, 1961, of this newspaper, it is stated that the Ohio State Tax Commissioner had filed a Jeopardy Assessment Demand Judgment for \$644,557. against SHARWELL. It was stated that this assessment was in addition to the previous assessment which was then before the Ohio Board of Tax Appeal.

In the issue of January 25, 1962, of this newspaper, it is reported that the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals had ruled that the Sharwell Tobacco Company owes the State of Ohio \$1,078,044. in unpaid cigarette taxes for the period of October 18, 1958, to May 24, 1960. It was further stated in this article that a second assessment in the amount of \$644,557. for unpaid taxes for the period of May 25, 1960, to May 11, 1961, was not then before the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals. This article revealed that the Sharwell Tobacco Company had ceased business operations on May 11, 1961.

In the issue of December 6, 1961, of this mewspaper, it is revealed that a judgment in the amount of \$96,623. was awarded the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company against SHARWELL for an indebtedness due this company.

In the issue of January 4, 1962, of this newspaper, it is reported that the Ohio Attorney General had filed a criminal affidavit against SHARWELL charging him with filing fraudulent cigarette tax returns. MARK MC ELROY, Ohio Attorney

General, called it "a million dollar tax fraud."

The issue of January 5, 1962, of this newspaper, reveals that SHARWELL had surrendered to the Columbus Police Department on the above criminal affidavit, and was released under \$2,000. bond.

Mr. W. O. WALKER, Delinquent Accounts and Returns Branch, Internal Revenue Service; advised April 10, 1962, that his office had filed a Federal Tax Lien on December 5, 1961, against the Sharwell Tobacco Company, Columbus, Ohio, for \$385,216.12. He stated that the lien covers all of the property, personal or real, that SHARWELL or his company owns. This lien was filed in the Franklin County Recorder's Office, Columbus, Ohio. WALKER further advised that his information reveals that SHARWELL has been residing for approximately one year at 150 East 69th Street, New York City.

Inspector Arson Squad, Columbus Police Department, advised April 11, 1962, that his records reveal that the Sharwell Tobacco Company, 1400 Holly Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was almost completely destroyed by fire on December 20, 1960. He stated that the only items remaining after this fire were the general offices and loading dock. He estimated that 80 per cent of the merchandise was destroyed. He stated that the loss included an estimated \$100,000. on the building, and \$914,019.23 on the merchandise, furniture, and fixtures. He stated that the estimate of this loss was made by the A. H. Neaman Company, Certified Public Fire Insurance Adjusters, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He further advised that the General Adjustment Company, Columbus, Ohio, would have all of the figures regarding the loss in this He stated that the Sharwell Tobacco Company was insured

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by nine insurance companies, all of Cleveland, Ohio, on the merchandise, and was insured by three insurance companies of Columbus, Ohio, on the building. The total insurance in force on the merchandise was \$450,000. Inspector stated that it definitely appears that SHARWELL **b6** was under insured inasmuch as his loss appeared to be more b7C than double the amount of the insurance carried at that He stated he does not know whether or not the insurance companies have paid off SHARWELL for this loss. Inspector. stated that he personally b6 conducted investigation in this matter for the possibility b7C of arson having occurred, and that the only reason for this suspicion was the fact that SHARWELL was known to have been a heavy gambler. He stated that no evidence of arson was obtained, and the cause of the fire has been officially designated as undetermined. He stated that the fire appeared to have started in the candy room, which is a heavily insulated room, and was formerly used in the storage of cheese. stated that it is possible that the fire may have been burning in this room for several hours before it was detected. He further advised that two employees of the Sharwell Tobacco Company were on the premises at the time the fire was discovered at 8:56 p.m. on December 20, 1960. These employees were and who had been working in the stock and display rooms. They had gone outside to get their cars started after a heavy snow, and when returned to the building, he smelled smoke. stated that he has heard that who has been extremely close to SHARWELL for a number of years. refused to take a polygraph examination on the advice of SHARWELL's attorney. They were interviewed by the Columbus Fire Department, with negative results.

Inspector stated that he knows was in control of the Purchasing and Sales Departments of the Sharwell Tobacco Company. He stated he has known for a number of years, and considers him completely honest.  stated that the Sharwell Tobacco Company handled cigarettes and tobacco of all kinds, as well as candies, novelties, jewelry, luggage, and many other gift items.	ъ6 ъ7С
stated that following the fire, he and other investigators of the Columbus, Fire Department recovered the Pitney-Bowes cigarette stamp machine number 29576 from the debris. He stated that this machine was turned over to a representative of the Pitney-Bowes Company, and it was determined that this was the legitimate machine issued to SHARWELL.	ъ6 ъ7с
Inspector also advised that shortly before the fire, he understands that SHARWELL attempted to borrow \$200,000. from the James Talcott, Incorporated, First National Building, Detroit, Michigan. A of that company had come down to Columbus, Ohio, and inspected the books of the Sharwell Tobacco Company. He determined that there were approximately \$600,000. of accounts receivable on the books. understands that the loan would have gone through if it had not been for the above mentioned fire.	b6 b7C
also stated that at the time of the fire, SHARWELL also operated the Pentagon Tobacco Company, which is located on West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.	b6 ъ7С
Chief of Police GEORGE W. SCHOLER (NA), Columbus	

Police Department, advised April 10, 1962, that SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL is the owner, along with his \_ of the Sharwell Tobacco Company located at 1400 Holly Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. He stated that SHARWELL came to Columbus from the Toledo, Ohio area about 1950. It was reported to the Chief that SHARWELL was in poor financial condition at the time he came to Columbus. He first opened up a tobacco company on South High Street, later High Street, later moved to East Goodale Street, and then subsequently moved to the location on Holly Avenue. Prior to coming to Columbus, he was engaged in same type of business in the Toledo and Detroit areas. His father-inlaw is also in the same type of business in Cleveland, Ohio. While at Columbus, he principally resided at 1445 East Broad Street, which is the Royal York Apartments number A301 and 302. Information received by the Columbus Police Department indicated that SHARWELL's wife maintained an apartment at New York City at an unknown address, but lived in Columbus, Ohio, a great deal of the time with her husband.

Chief SCHOLER stated that SHARWELL also is the owner of the Pentagon Wholesale Company, 649 West Broad Street, and is either the owner or the financial backer of the Treasure Island Department Store located at 2111 East Main Street, Bexley, Ohio. The owner of the Treasure Island Department Store is listed as Columbus, who is also associated with the

Lions Sales Corporation, located at 2453 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus.

Chief SCHOLER stated that SHARWELL is known to be a heavy gambler, and is thought to, in the past, have placed large bets on horse races, as well as on sporting events.

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On July 17, 1950, Supervisor,	b6
Cigarette Tax Division, Ohio State Department of Taxation,	b70
Columbus, Ohio, advised SA LOREN M. BEDELL that an	
individual using the name of Akron, Ohio,	
had placed an order for a rubber steep with the reputable	
manufacturer of rubber stamps in Toledo, Ohio. The rubber	
stamp was to be used to place impressions similar to Ohio	
cigarette tax meter impressions on packages of cigarettes.	
Investigation revealed that the reputable manufacturer of	
rubber stamps was Toldeo Stamp and Steneil	
Company, Toldeo, Ohio. Investigation revealed that the above mentioned was actually	
who was then an employee of the Sharwall Tobacco Company, Columbus, Ohio.	
COLUMBUS, OHIO.	
Trans destanted and the Develope Accepted and	<b>b</b> 6
was interviewed by Bureau Agents, and	b70
admitted that he had attempted to have a rubber stamp	
made at Toledo, Ohio, in order to duplicate cigarette tax	
meter impressions on cigarette packages. He claimed that	
he had conceived the idea of obtaining the subber stamp	
when he observed that the cigarette tax meter at the Sharwell	
Tobacco Company in many instances failed to completely open	
the carton of cigarettes, and because of this the impression	
would be placed on the flap of the carton instead of on the	
packages of cigarettes within the carton. explained	
that when this happened, it was necessary for the employee	
to remove packages of cigarettes having the stamp impression	
on them, and press these packages against the packages of	
cigarettes without such impressions. In doing so, a portion	
of the ink impressions would be transferred to the unmarked	
cigarettes, and they would then be passed as taxed cigarettes.	
He stated that this procedure required quite a bit of the	
employees time, and that he thought that by obtaining a	
Tubber stamp to dwplicate the impressions, he would save this	

Cleveland, Ohio.

He stated he did not mantion his plans to SHARWELL, and that the entire affair was on his own initiative. stated that because he was not certain of the legality of the use of the stamp, he used the name of **b6** and gave a false address at the time he ordered this stamp in b7C Toledo. He stated that when he returned to Columbus, Ohio, he became frightened over having placed the order for the stamp, and he talked long-distance with SHARWELL who ordered him to cancel the order. did cancel the order for this stamp at Toledo. mentioned above, further advised **b6** on July 17, 1950, that SHARWELL formarly operated a wholeb7C sale tobacco business in Toledo, Ohio. He reported that approximately four years previously (1946), SHARWELL purchased an interest in the A. H. James Company, Toledo, Ohio. Approximately two years previously (1948), SHARWELL sold his interest in this company, with the understanding. that he would not engage in the tobacco business for at least five years. continued that immediately thereafter, SHARWELL was instrumental in the formation of the Cash Wholesale Company at Toledo, Ohio, which specialized in wholesaling tobacco products. Officials of the A. H. Jamra Company brought suit in 1949, obtained an injunction restraining SHARWELL from engaging in the tobacco business in Toledo. Following this, SHARWELL purchased the Amster Kirtz Company, Columbus, Ohio, and changed the name of this concern to the Sharwell Tobacco Company, **b**6 further advised that SHARWELL is the som-

, SHERMAN SHARWELL was interviewed by Bureau Agents

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in-law of PHIL PRICE, owner of the Cigarette Service Company,

at his place of business on July 27, 1950. He admitted	
having been advised by regarding his	b6
interview on the previous evening by Bureau Agents.	b7
SHARWELL denied any knowledge of any stolen cigarettes,	
and stated that the first knowledge he had had concerning	
action in ordering the rubber stamp was when	
he called the Sharwell Tobacco Company from Chicago on	
July 18 or 19, 1950, and was advised by that	
had placed such an order. SHARWELL claimed that	
he immediately instructed to cancel the order	
with the stamp company in Toledo.	
Mrs. Record Room, Columbus Police	<b>b</b> 6

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Department, advised April 10, 1962, that SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL was arrested on numerous occasions dating back to 1951 for traffic violations. His residence address throughout this time was 1445 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The only arrest for other than a fraffic offense occurred on January 5, 1962, on the charge of making false tax returns with intent to defraud.

Columbus Police Department file number 72446 of the Identification Bureau, Columbus Police Department, reveals that SHARWELL was fingerprinted January 5, 1962, on the charge of making false tax returns with intent to defraud. At this time he claimed that he had not previously been arrested. The FBI Identification Division advised that as a result of the fingerprints obtained at this time, SHARWELL had no prior arrest record in the FBI Identification Division. It is shown that he was released under \$2,000. bond. SHARWELL is described as follows in the files of the Identification Bureau, Columbus Police Department:

Name: SHERMAN SIDNEY SHARWELL Race: White Age: 50 Date of Birth: November 1, 1911 Place of Birth: Campbellsburg, Indiana 601" Height: 202 pounds Weight: Build: Husky Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown Complexion: Medium Teeth: Fair Nationality: American

Occupation: Stock broker

Scars: Mole left temple, dimple in

chin.

Residence Address: 150 East 69th Street,

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New York City

Three photographs of SHARWELL were obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Columbus Police Department. Airtel

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

PROM : SAC, PITTSBUROH (62-2915)

SUBJECT: SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau, 10/4/63, Detroit teletype to Bureau, 10/5/63, Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau, 10/2/63, and Detroit airtel to Bureau, 10/7/63, all captioned, "JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA; NICHOLAS JOHN TWEEL, aka, Nick Tweel; ALLEN MELNICK DORFMAN, LMRA - IM; CONSPIRACY; OOJ." Bureau file 72-1465, Detroit file 72-82 and 87-12123, and Memphis file 72-44, OO: WEMPHIS.

It is noted this matter is now being carried under the noted caption by the Pittsburgh Division based on the following facts:

Re Pittaburgh teletype, 10/4/63, sets out in substance information relative to meeting of approximately 12 persons at Huntington, W. Va., 8/14/63, one of the attendees being identified by photo as SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO.

A written correspondence and photos of VERMIGLIO were received from of INS, Detroit, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and indicates in substance VERMIGLIO wanted for being in USA illegally, but no mention made of federal process re VERMIGLIO. Letter also indicates local INS, Office,

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Pittsburgh, Pa., which also covers West Virginia area, aware of background of VERMIGLIO and desires to locate and apprehend.

Contact with	Assistant Officer
in Charge of the local INS Office	Pittsburgh, Pa., on
10/8/63, reveas INS has no proces	s outstanding as such for
VERMIGLIO's apprehension by that	scenar but that THE
will arrest VERWIGLIO on sight as	chains dillogation in the that
States. advised INS doe	s wering tracearry in united
	es not secure process unless
subject's whereabouts known.	at this time was made
cognizant of the facts concerning	VERMICLIO'S alleged
appearance in Huntington, W. Va.,	on 8/14/63, and the fact
that in the event VERMIGLIO's pre	sence is again determined,
such information would immediate	ly be made available to his
agency. Mr. was informe	ed that this Bureau would
not arrest VERMIGLIO on sight as	this Bureau's interest in
VERMIGLEO is one that has develop	ed as a result of another
investigative matter in the Hunti	Ington, W. Va., area. Mr.
was also informed that a	as a means of co-operation
with his agency, this Bureau in t	the event VERMIGLIO's
whereabouts should become known,	will notify local authorities
of the particular area that INS	lestres VERMICITO'S
detainment and that INS in Pittal	ourch Pa should be
immediately contacted for further	instructions by
indicated this arrangement	int would be some sette
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The Pittsburgh Division, in the absence of advice to the contrary, will continue to be slerted for any information as to the whereabots of VERNIGLIO, as well as any activities by VERNIGLIO which would indicate his participation in matters of interest in the referenced communication; that this division will not cause VERNIGLIO's apprehension except under the above method.

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Should make this Bureau's petitions re VERMIGLIO known to the proper INS authorities at Detroit, Michigan.